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Ayn,

Thanks for seeing this through. Also, I'll be available for a call with the USGS (Donna) next week; Wed-Fri are better days than Mon-Tue (already know I'll be swamped when I get back to the office).

- dgj -

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Subject: Re: Update - Invitation to nominate peer reviewer for Pavillion Data Report
Dave and Donna-

We have gotten the green light to have our proposed reviewer be made available to conduct the review of your draft report. The following is his contact information, and he will expect a contact from Dave:

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Thanks for your patience with us on this.

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Subject: Re: Update - Invitation to nominate peer reviewer for Pavillion Data Report

Dave J. has been emailing me updates on the nominee search, sounds close.

Currently text is about 20 pages (double spaced and growing slightly), we are purposefully trying to keep this short, to the point, and factual, since so much groundwork was laid out in the SAP. The tables are another story and I'm not sure how to describe the length other than to say they are substantial if one is to pour over every number, which folks will do (even in some cases asking for the lab instrument printouts) so the reviewers better too. My Ground Water Specialist was able to review and comment in two days with some distractions, and he is very thorough.

Thanks for the kind words regarding yesterday,

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Dave and Donna, we are definitely planning on sending you a nomination for a peer reviewer- I am still trying to nail down an agreement with his supervisor regarding his availability and expect to be able to do that by tomorrow, so will send his name asap. It would help to know what your estimate is of the length of the document so that we have a better understanding about the workload. And Dave, I want to thank you for your balanced and neutral presentation yesterday on the sampling and MW02. As you could tell from the conversation, it's an issue that can go nuclear pretty quickly.

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Donna N Myers ---07/20/2012 01:33:44 PM---Thanks Fred Donna N. Myers

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Thanks Fred

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Donna,

Dave has confirmed that we will provide the name of a reviewer by the 25th. Thanks for the reminder.
Fred

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Fred and Ayn, FYI. I understand that Dave Jewett is on leave until July 30. Although he is really good at keeping up with email, I thought I would let you both know that USGS is asking for peer reviewers by July 25 just to be on the safe side.

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We pulled in a team to work on the Pavillion Data Report this week and they made good progress. The report will undergo Wyoming Water Science Center internal review next week and I anticipate sending the draft report to the individuals you nominate as reviewers no later than Friday July 27th with a response due date of August 7th.

As a reminder:

Please nominate peer reviewers by July 25th. If you do not wish to nominate a peer reviewer this will not encumber the process as we will also be sending the document to at least two USGS peer reviewers.

Best Regards,

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Wes, John, Ayn, and Dave:

I am beginning the process of coordinating peer review of the Draft USGS Pavillion Data Report currently under preparation in my office, and am offering each of you the opportunity to nominate one peer reviewer.

USGS Fundamental Science Practices report publication guidance can be found at <http://www.usgs.gov/fsp/policies.asp> with specific guidance on peer review at <http://www.usgs.gov/usgs-manual/500/502-3.html>. Some important excerpts are:

1.) USGS defines peer review (also referred to as technical peer review, refereeing, or scientific peer review) as scrutiny of work or ideas by colleagues (peers) who are well qualified and who are of equal standing with another. In the scientific field the implication is that education and/or experience qualify one to comment on the work of others in a particular field of expertise.

Qualified peer reviewers of USGS information products must have no stake in the outcome of the review or publication of the work, are not associated with the work being performed, and are without conflict of interest.

--- with regard to this excerpt, we are requesting nominations of individuals that are not associated with the Technical Team or the work at Pavillion, but that are considered to be subject matter experts in groundwater data collection, complex laboratory analysis and quality assurance procedures, and/or review of data reports for technical accuracy and completeness of provided information for use by others.

2.) To ensure safeguarding unpublished USGS information, draft manuscripts that have not received Bureau approval and that are sent for peer review to outside entities, such as peer-reviewed journals and others outside the USGS, must carry the nondisclosure statement in 5.F below that explicitly states the manuscript is being distributed for peer review only and may not be disclosed prior to USGS approval for release. Additionally, a draft USGS manuscript may be submitted to an outside entity, for example as a courtesy to co-authors, and in these cases, the courtesy review statement found in SM 502.4, section 5.A(4) must be included.

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--- this excerpt is self explanatory and highlights the need for the peer reviewer you nominate to be a professional that can be trusted to not share the draft document, their formal comments, or their perceptions, with anyone other than the USGS project managers and authors prior to bureau approval and public release by USGS.

Please have any prospective peer reviewers read Section 5. Guidelines for Peer Review found at <http://www.usgs.gov/usgs-manual/500/502-3.html> to better acquaint themselves with their responsibilities, prior to submitting their names. A brief resume or description of qualifications would also be appreciated. Reviewers should anticipate receiving the Draft report in early to mid-August with an approximate two-week review period.

Please nominate peer reviewers by July 25th. If you do not wish to nominate a peer reviewer this will not encumber the process as we will also be sending the document to at least two USGS peer reviewers.

Thank You,

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